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New Super-fast train between Solapur and Mumbai

1533. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic between Solapur and Mumbai, has increased manifold since Sidheshwar Express was introduced over twenty years ago, if so, how much, giving details of traffic in the first year of introduction of the train and in 1995-96;

(b) the decision since taken to introduce another super-fast train between Solapur and Mumbai; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in meeting the pressing public demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) At present 14 pairs of trains including 1023/1024 Sidheshwar Express are running from Mumbai and passing through Solapur. The reserved accommodation available by Sidheshwar Express is not being fully utilised. As the existing trains are adequate to cater to the present traffic, there is no commercial justification to run an additional train between Mumbai and Solapur.

Sidheshwar Express was introduced over twenty years ago. Details of traffic offered at the time of introduction of Sidheshwar Express are not available.

Integrated Agro-Industrial Complexes

1534. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States and Union Territories have decided to develop integrated agro-industrial complexes to promote large projects-based on local raw material in private sector;

(b) if so, the names of such States and Union Territories;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to ask such States and Union Territories to take such decision in case the same has not been taken by them in national interest for all-round industrial growth;

(d) whether the Central Government also propose to offer financial assistance to willing States and Union Territories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries have been operating certain developmental Plan schemes for the overall development of Food Processing Industries. Under this Schemes, financial assistance is provided to State Government Undertakings, Joint/Assisted Sector Undertakings, Cooperatives and Non-Govemmental Organisations etc. for development of processing facilities including

Food Processing Industrial Estates. The Schemes of the Ministry are not State specific.

(b) During the year 1995-96, a proposal was received from the State Government of West Bengal for setting up of Food Processing Industrial Estate at Dankuni in District Hoogly by a private sector undertaking, for which financial assistance of Rs. 75 lakhs was provided to them.

(c) to (e) Any other proposal received from any State/Union Territory for setting up such Food Processing Industrial Estates would be considered on merits, subject to availability of funds.

Agricultural Mechanization in Maharashtra

1535. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are implementing any programme for the promotion of agricultural mechanization among small farmers in the state of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds released for the programme during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the results so far achieved in the State under the programme, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization among Small Farmers', a subsidy @ 30%, limited to Rs. 30,000/- is available to the farmers, group of farmers, Registered Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Credit Societies and Multi-purpose Agricultural Farming Societies, for the purchase of small tractors upto 30 Power Take Off Horse Power; along with their matching implements, not exceeding three, in number.

(c) During the last three years, funds amounting to Rs. 257.70 lakh have been released to the State of Maharashtra under the Scheme, as per details, given below:—

1993-94	Rs. 154.20 lakh
1994-95	Nil
1995-96	103.50 lakh

(d) During the 8th Plan period, so far 925 number of tractors have been subsidised, under the Scheme, in the State of Maharashtra. This has contributed, to some extent, in increasing the agriculture productivity, reduction in the cost of cultivation and consequently raising the income of farmers.

Settlement of grievances of employees of BSI, Calcutta

1536. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication dated 30.10.96 from Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Delhi seeking settlement of some issues concerning the employees of Botanical Survey of India, (BSI);

(b) if so, the issues mentioned therein; and

(c) the steps Govemment are taking to settle the issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) A communication dated 30.10.96 from the Secretary General, Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers (CCGE&W), Delhi was received by the Secretary to the Govemment of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests (GOI, MOEF). Referring to some issues concerning the employees of Botanical Survey of India (BSI), the Secretary General, CCGE&W in this letter requested Secretary, GOI, MOEF to have discussions with the' representatives of BSI Employees Association (BSIEA) to inform them of the steps being taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues. Meanwhile, the Secretary General, BSIEA also requested a meeting with the Secretary, GOI, MOEF. The Secretary met the representatives ofBSIEAon 13.11.1996. Various issues concerning the employees of die BSI were discussed in this meeting and the representatives were informed of the steps being taken by the Ministry to resolve these issues.